

About Black Bear Killer Hisa Masato

When my debut work that I drew over 10 years ago was reprinted, I thought, "Is this magazine pressing me into some kind of shame kink?" and cried tears of gratitude. However, this time a submission piece I drew even before I debuted (and that was as yet unpublished) is being thrust into the public eye. I think something more than tears are going to flow.

Therefore it was long ago, in 2002, when Taiyo Sugiura was still playing Ultraman and hadn't married Tsuji-chan, that I drew Black Bear Killer for a certain magazine's Rookie of the Year award. When I look back on those days and people ask me to comment on them, I find myself a little at a loss... I clearly remember the resentment and jealousy I felt towards society and the magazines that wouldn't debut me no matter how much I drew. I thought all publishers were the same and decided to quit, then... The title was influenced by an American comic that was introduced in a magazine I read at the time: GIANT KILLER. While I felt like the BIG MONSTER HIT MAN written in Japanese across the front cover was slightly wrong, the literally translated logo left a big impact on me. That was also the same year the Japan and South Korea World Cup was held. The reason all the characters in the story have such extreme expressions is because I modelled them on various countries' soccer players. They don't actually look like who they're modelled on though, so I won't say who I used. One more thing. As a way of distinguishing the bear characters from one another in the final stages of the story I just bearified the character who made a come-back this year for the antagonist. Take off the ears, add dorsal fins and a tail and you'll have the Millenium version. Nevertheless, when I read this story now I really notice how clumsy the story, not the pictures, is (I actually put more effort into those drawings than I do now, and they look good). I struggle with things like, "I should have added a frame here to explain" or "this line is hard to understand" or "why didn't I draw this out to make it more exciting?", but I guess I'll just content myself with getting a change of underwear ready and accepting it.



Get out of the mountains!

I drew this illustration for this volume, but I think seeing it would reduce the enjoyment of the actual story.



Suddenly
there was
a bear
there.

対 輪 熊 殺 し 屋

black
bear
killer

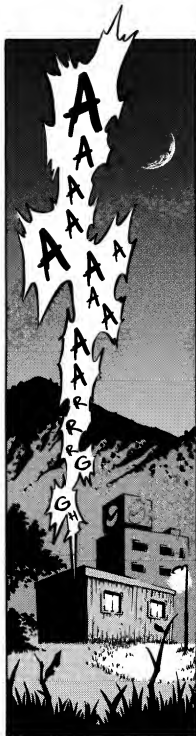
A very rare
short story

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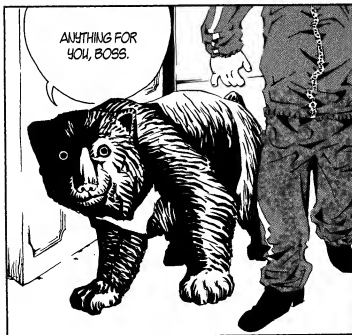
OH,
HERE HE
COMES.

HE
SHOULD
BE BACK
SOON...



SO, WHERE'S
ARASHI?

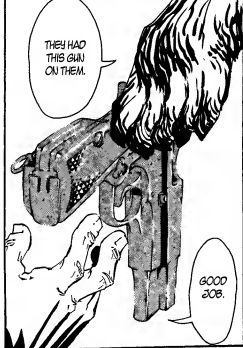
THEY MAY
HAVE BEEN
CITY BOYS,
BUT THEY WERE
IN OVER THEIR
HEADS.



ANYTHING FOR
YOU, BOSS.



GOOD
WORK TODAY,
ARASHI.







IF WE DON'T LET GO OF ARASHI, THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PIN ALL THE MURDERS ON US.

STOP IT!

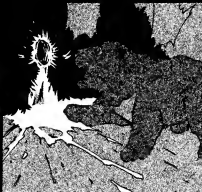


THAT'S NOT WHY I KEPT HIM...





NOT
FOR
THAT...



RECENTLY,
I EVEN FEEL
LIKE I CAN HOLD
A CONVERSATION
WITH HIM.

I KNOW HOW
YOU FEEL, I
THINK HE'S
CUTE TOO.

BUT OTHER
MEMBERS
CAN BE JUST
AS CUTE.



SAY YOU'RE
RIGHT. I
CAN'T JUST
KILL HIM...

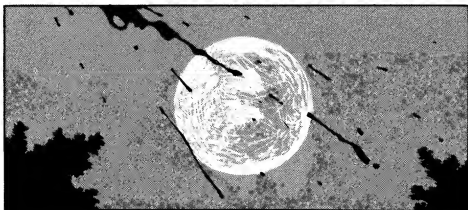
IT'S TIME YOU
GAVE UP
ON ARASHI.

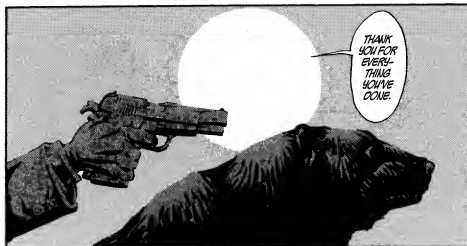


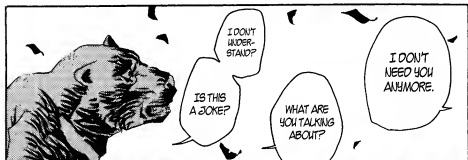
WHY DON'T
WE TAKE
HIM BACK
TO THE
MOUNTAINS
?

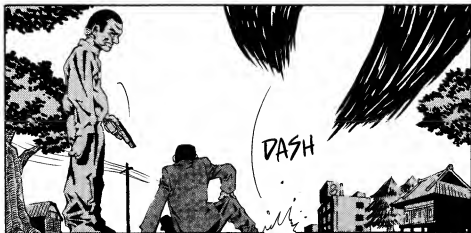
SNAP











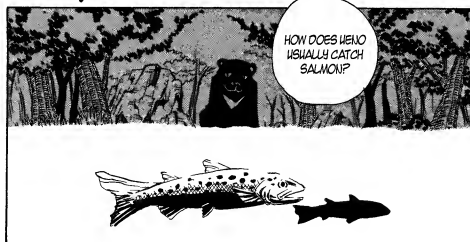
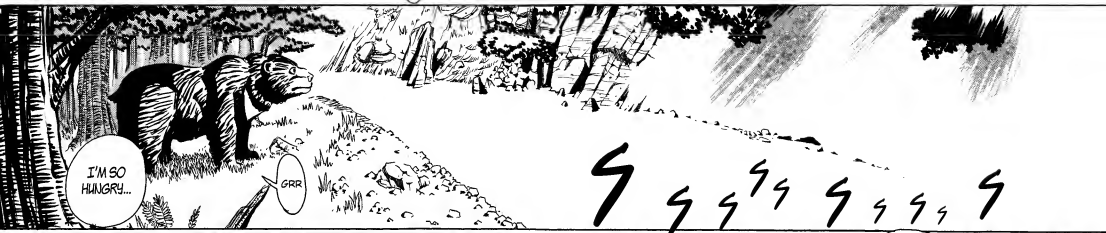
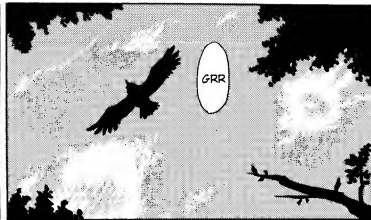
I REALLY THINK
IT MIGHT HAVE
BEEN BETTER IF
YOU'D JUST
KIL-

DO YOU REALLY
THINK THAT'S
WHAT'S BEST
FOR HIM?

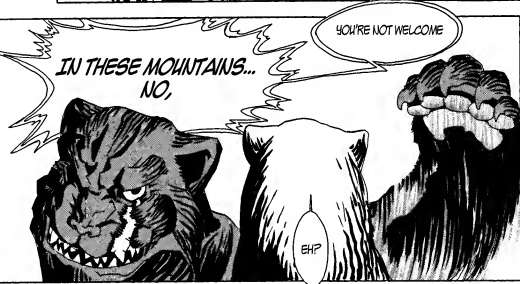
STOP
IT!!

I DON'T
WANT TO
HEAR IT...







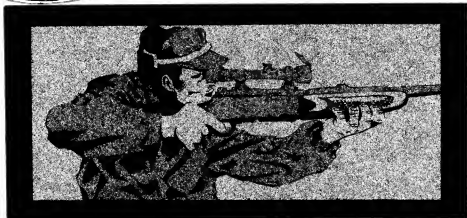



WAIT!! WHY ARE
YOU DOING THIS...?

"WHY"?

YOU'RE NOT
WELCOME ANYWHERE
IN JAPAN!!







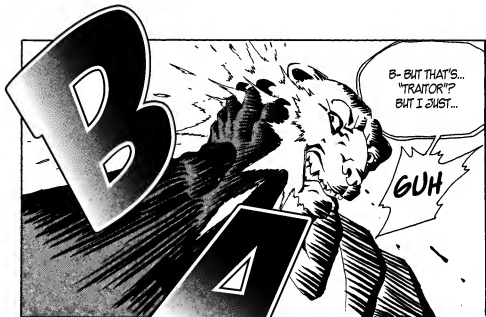
THE SAME NUMBER OF
INNOCENT BEARS HAVE
BEEN SLAUGHTERED.

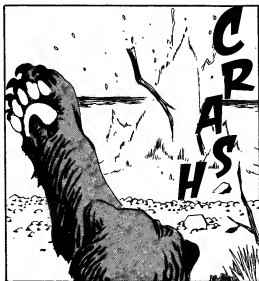


HOW MANY HUMANS
HAVE YOU KILLED
UP UNTIL NOW?

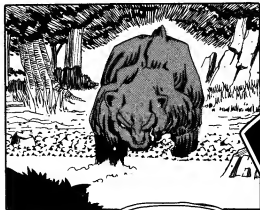


YOU'RE A TRAITOR TO ALL BEARS,
AN ABSOLUTE DISGRACE!!





CRASH



YOUR CLAWS CAN'T EVEN
CATCH A FISH! WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK THEY COULD
KILL A BEAR!?

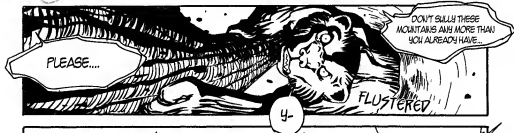


DON'T UNDER-
ESTIMATE ME!!

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WA







I DON'T
WANT
TO BE
HERE!!

I'M NOTHING
LIKE YOU!!
DON'T TALK
LIKE WE'RE
THE SAME!!



I'M A
TRAITOR!? I'VE
COME BACK!?

DON'T
BE
RIDICH-
LOUS!!

ASH

SPLASH



I'M NOT GOING
TO DIE IN THESE
MOUNTAINS LIKE
SOME BEAR!!

